

## CENTRAL BANK of SOLOMON ISLANDS

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<u>Prudential Standard No. 5 on Open Foreign Currency Open Positions for the Commercial</u>
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The Central Bank of Solomon Islands (CBSI) is pleased to announce the publication of Prudential Standard No. 5 on Open Foreign Currency Open Positions (PS 5) for the Commercial Banks licensed by the Central Bank of Solomon Islands (CBSI). This is a new Prudential Standard which will replace Prudential Guideline No. 3 on Foreign Currency Open Positions from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025.

PS 5 aims to promote maximum availability of foreign exchange at competitive rates and it will allow banks to conduct business in a profitable yet prudent manner. Additionally, it will ensure that foreign currency positions are maintained within prudent limits to avoid excessive risk of loss to a bank's capital as a result of fluctuations in foreign currency prices.

PS 5 will come into effect on January 1, 2025. The full standard is available on the CBSI website.

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